

## Message Text

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SUBJ: FRENCH MINING EQUIPMENT SALES TO PRC

REF: A. PEKING 2457 (NOTAL, B. PEKIIG 2573, C. PEKING 2548 (NOTAL)

1. FRENCH COMMERCIAL OFFICE HAS INFORMED USLO OF A RECENT FRENCH SALE OF LONG WALL COAL CUTTING MACHINES WORTH OVER 100 MILLION FRANCS. THE SALE WAS MADE BY S.A. GE. E. M. WHICH HAS SOLD COAL FACE EQUIPMENT TO CHINA IN THE PAST. FRENCH OFFICERS SAY THAT 50 UNITS WERE SOLD AND THAT THE PRC HAS INDICATED IT WILL BE BUYING ANOTHER 50 OR SO UNITS FROM OTHER SUPPLIERS - MOST PROBABLY, SAY THE FRENCH, THE UK, WEST GERMANY AND POLAND.

2. NEGOTIATIONS ARE IN PROGRESS WITH THE GERMANS AT LEAST FOR THE ASSOCIATED EQUIPMENT, I.E., THE CONVEYOR SYSTEMS AND OTHER EQUIPMENT REQUIRED TO PUT THE COAL CUTTING  
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EQUIPMENT INTO SERVICE, THE FRENCH SAY. SEVERAL BRITISH FIRMS ARE ALSO IN PEKING DISCUSSING EQUIPMENT SALES (REF B).

3. COMMENT: THIS IS THE SECOND MAJOR COAL MINING EQUIPMENT SALE (THE FIRST WAS REPORTED REF A) WE HAVE HEARD ABOUT. OTHERS WILL UNDOUBTEDLY BE FOLLOWING SOON. THE COST OF

COMPLEMENTARY EQUIPMENT -- CONVEYOR SYSTEMS, ROOF SUPPORTS  
-- FOR THE FRENCH CUTTERS SHOULD EXCEED THE COST OF THE  
CUTTERS THEMSELVES.  
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